

The Primitive Baptist Church of Christ
at Philadelphia

Rutherford County, Vt.

To the Bear Creek Primitive ^{Baptist} Association

Dear Brethren

herein acknowledge our failure last year to visit you,
we feel we have reasons, such as would consume space
to offer in writing, we have no minutes, or even a letter
of your proceedings last year, our last conference was
on the 24th March, we tried for a volunteer to represent
us in May and failed we appointed our Clerk to prepare
and send a letter to some of the Brethren by Mail,
setting forth that if either of the Brethren with whom
you are acquainted should yet volunteer and come down
that you will receive him into your counsel, Dear
Brethren we hope to represent our selves at some
future day if we fail this Spring please Notice this
our monthly meeting embraces the 4th Sunday and
the association the first Sunday, this gives us short
time to prepare and send a letter By Mail, we have
had ~~two~~ ^{two} deaths and no increase we number at present
Eighteen Members (if I am not mistaken)
this done By order of the Church in conference
Date above written

James McKinney Secy

April 15th 1882.